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Amendments to the Drawings

One replacement sheet containing revised Fig. 2 is submitted to replace the original Figs. 2.

Attachment: One Replacement Sheet containing Figs. 2.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. Claim 30 is rejected. Claims 1-29 are indicated as allowed. The drawings are objected to.

Objection to drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing feature the motor as specified in the claims. Applicant submits herein revised Figure 2, which shows motor 30 connected to the input shaft 8. In addition, revised Figure 2 now correctly shows output shaft 18 connected to the carrier 17, to bring Figure 2 into conformance with Figure 1 and the description on page 5, lines 3-5 and page 6 lines 4-7. Figure 2 has originally filed erroneously depicted output shaft 18 connected to a second sun gear, which is not described in the specification or shown in Figure 1.

Rejection of Claim 30 Under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being anticipated indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the phrase "a generally smooth manner and substantially without abrupt changes in rotary output" is vague and renders the claim as a whole indefinite.

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Claim 30 is amended herein to delete the phrase "a generally smooth manner and substantially without abrupt changes in rotary output". Claim 30 has been amended to expedite allowance of the remaining claims. Applicant reserves the right to pursue other and/or broader claims in a subsequent continuation.

Applicant submits that the claims as amended particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

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Conclusion.

Applicant believes the above analysis and the amendments made herein overcome all of the Examiner's objections and rejections and that claims 1-30 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, applicant submits that claims 1-30 constitute allowable subject matter and should be favorably considered by the Examiner, and issue a timely Notice of Allowance for those claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201.

Respectfully submitted,

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